

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 1, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Eternal God, Our Creator and Final Destiny, we pause for a moment of reflection and prayer and to thank You for our material and spiritual blessings. We are also grateful for our talented human and vast material resources. On this Labor Day weekend, we, as a nation, express our appreciation for the dignity, accomplishments and dedication of all laborers, men and women, who have made this nation great and prosperous. We hope, in this changing and competitive world, labor and management will continue to work together for fair, just and adequate wages for all workers. The future of the country, the Commonwealth and our families depends on an educated, experienced and respected workforce.

We also pause to remember in our prayers the many people and families who are suffering as a result of the hurricane, Katrina, and its results.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Gattinara,
Italy.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Galvin of Canton) commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of "The Great Hailstorm of 1905" in the town of Gattinara in Piedmont, Italy;

Mary and
Salvatore
Alessandrini.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Petrucci of Boston) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Alessandrini on the occasion of fiftieth wedding anniversary; and

Wrentham,
nurses.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) recognizing the Wrentham public health and community visiting nurses;

Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Fallon of Malden, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Mr. Cabral of New Bedford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4354) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Mark C. Montigny (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of New Bedford be authorized to regulate the operation of motorized bicycles and motorized scooters; and the same was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

New
Bedford,
motorized
bicycles.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Flanagan of Leominster, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and others that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue Gold Star registration plates to families of certain deceased veterans.

Gold Star
families,
plates.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent A. Pedone that members of beverage licensing boards in cities and towns be required to participate in training sessions conducted by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

Beverage
licensing
boards,
training.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., and others for legislation to designate "Guthrie's Battleground Syrup" as the official syrup of the Commonwealth.

Guthrie's
Battleground
Syrup.

By Mr. Rush of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush and others that the Board of Higher Education be authorized to waive fees for certain veterans who are residents of the Commonwealth.

Veterans,
education
fee waivers.

By Mr. Sanchez of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Menino and others relative to the penalties imposed for assault and battery on public employees.

Public
employees,
assault.

By Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David B. Sullivan relative to the the Truesdale Clinic in the city of Fall River.

Fall River,
Truesdale
Clinic.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill providing a charter for the city of Melrose (Senate, No. 2174) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Melrose
charter.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Fallon of Malden, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain

Pembroke,
borrowing.

Senate and House documents concerning municipal and county issues (House, No. 4215) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1193) of Therese Murray for legislation to authorize the town of Pembroke to borrow certain sums of money,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Governmental
bodies,
quorum.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning municipal issues (House, No. 4144) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3575) of William C. Brown for legislation to require the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business by governmental bodies,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Northern
Berkshire
Solid
Waste.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District (House, No. 1340) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Fallon of Malden, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Wellfleet,
housing
trust fund.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing an affordable housing trust fund in the town of Wellfleet (House, No. 4094) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Brewster,
affordable
housing
fund.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Brewster to establish an affordable housing fund (House, No. 4130) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

James
Bowlby,
sick leave
bank.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James Bowlby, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4189) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Mansfield to establish an affordable housing trust fund (House, No. 4197) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Mansfield,
housing
fund.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing Thomas Taylor to be considered for eligibility as a firefighter in the town of Wilmington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement+ (House, No. 4209) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Wilmington,
Thomas
Taylor.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing Darryl Sencabaugh to be considered for eligibility as a firefighter in the town of Wilmington notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4210) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Wilmington,
Darryl
Sencabaugh.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the financial conditions in the Chesterfield Goshen Regional School District (House, No. 2603, changed by striking out section 10).

Chesterfield
School
District.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, No. 1669 and 1671, a Bill relative to renewable energy (House, No. 1669) [Representative Patrick of Falmouth dissenting].

Renewable
energy.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jason Monteiro, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 2607, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Oxford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2161) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the board of the public works of the town of Norfolk (see House, No. 4242);

Relative to the charter of the town of Millis (see House, No. 4243); and

Authorizing the town of Dracut to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4275, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing an affordable housing trust fund in the town of Duxbury (House, No. 3155) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the board of assessors of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4096); and

Providing for an affordable housing trust fund in the town of Hamilton (House, No. 4136);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.